

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 26, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24,
Approval 2007.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, Commending
Somerville Police Capt. Charles Femino, Det. Martha Costa
and Det. Kathryn Costa, Medford Police Sgt. Michael
Fahey, Det. Paul McCowsky and Det. Patricia Sullivan and
Tufts Police Lt. Det. Charles Lonero, for their dedicated
and cooperative police work, resulting in the capture of the
alleged perpetrator of the recent sexual assaults in West
Somerville and West Medford.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Grant of NStar for a Grant of Location to install 15 feet of conduit
Location and install a pole in Washington St. near Magnus Ave.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND
MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

5. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of
Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at 84 Pearson Rd.
6. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD
inspect 14 Winslow Ave. for the careless disposal of trash
and recycling material.
7. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD
inspect the rear of 48 Grove St. for the careless disposal of
trash on pick-up day.
8. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of
Public Works replace the uplifted grate in the tree well at 19
College Ave.

9. Order By Ald. Connolly and Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to curtail after dark loitering behind the Round House, at the corner of Atherton and Clark Sts.
10. Order By Ald. Connolly and Taylor, That the Chief of Police patrol the intersection of Harvard and Atherton Sts. for drivers making illegal left hand turns to access Clark St.
11. Order By Ald. Connolly, Desmond, Sullivan and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the request of a concerned citizen to alter the traffic flow on Central St.
12. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Powderhouse School area of all weeds and debris.
13. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police increase speed enforcement on Simpson Ave. and Paulina St.
14. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct NStar to repair the street light at the Hodgkins Park crosswalk.
15. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board dedicates this meeting to 2nd Class US Navy serviceman, lifelong Somerville resident and Somerville High School graduate Anthony S. Vetrano.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police investigate all license plates on vehicles parked on DiRenzo Terrace.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect all homes on DiRenzo Terrace for illegal units.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Chief Fire Engineer inspect DiRenzo Terrace and determine if a fire lane is needed.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD immediately dispatch the Neighborhood Impact Team to rectify the rodent problem at 59 Albion St., as the response to #183286, dated May 30, 2007, was insufficient in dealing with this serious public safety issue. (2nd request)
20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all windows at the Brown School as the current windows pose a serious safety hazard.
21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works extend the new fencing at the Brown School playground to protect the abutting homes from ball play.

- 22. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works resurface the Kennedy School Playground.
- 23. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration begin plans to renovate Albion Park.
- 24. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration allocate sufficient funding to prepare to redevelop Magoun Sq., in conjunction with State funding.
- 25. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at the corner of Buena Vista and Meacham Rds.
- 26. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report to the Ward 6 Alderman this spring's street re-paving plan and add Bowers Ave. to the list.
- 27. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install two SLOW signs on Bromfield Rd.
- 28. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the deep pothole at Lowden Ave. and Mallet St., and consider re-paving the entire intersection.
- 29. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street light in front of H&R Block in Davis Sq., the first decorative light on the right side of the street on Meacham Rd., and the fourth light coming from the train station on the bike path heading toward Buena Vista Rd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 30. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, June 7-25.
Report
- 31. Committee Report of the Committee on Finance, June 21.
Report
- 32. Committee Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments,
Report June 26.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 33. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$3,500,000 appropriation from Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to reduce the FY08 tax levy.

34. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a \$2,500,000 appropriation from Unreserved Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund to fund necessary Capital Improvements in FY08.
35. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to transfer \$125,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Acct. to the Water Enterprise Water Meters and Parts Acct.
36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$40,000 grant from the MA Board of Library Commissioners to the Library for library construction planning and design.
37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$30,000 grant from the MA Technology Collaborative to the Office of Sustainability and The Environment to develop a program on using local green schools for project-based instruction in science, technology engineering and mathematics.
38. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$5,000 grant from Books of Hope for the Arts Council to continue its programming.
39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$1,000 grant from the Anti-Defamation League to the Human Rights Commission for a report about the Conversations Project.
40. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Elaine Severino to the Zoning Board as an alternate member.
41. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Ernest Felice as a Constable.
42. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the City's Capital Improvements Plan for FY08.
43. Mayor's Comm. Announcing the 4th year of "Summertime in Somerville" at Trum Field, with fireworks on Thursday evening, June 28, and a Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 30, 12-5PM.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

44. Officer's Comm. Planning Board reporting recommendations on #183156 re: zoning amendments to create a PUD-C Zoning Overlay District and Union Sq. Arts Overlay.

NEW BUSINESS

45. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Starbucks Coffee Music Festival, Davis Sq. Starbucks Courtyard, July 11, 5-10PM.

46. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Summer Jobs BBQ, Trum Field,
 August 24, 10:30-4PM.
47. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, Commonwealth Excavation.
48. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Somerville Hospital, 230
 Highland Ave, 15,000 gallons.
49. Outdoor New Outdoor Seating License, Jimmy Tingle's Off
Seating Broadway, 255 Elm St., 1 table, 1 chair & 2 sidewalk signs.
50. Comm. DCR responding to #183281 re: the lighting system at the
 Gilman St. Bridge.
51. Comm. Anna Shenk submitting comments re: Union Sq. Zoning.
52. Comm. Fred Berman submitting comments re: Union Sq. Zoning.
53. Comm. Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitting comments
 re: Union Sq. Zoning.

LATE ITEMS